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For: METHOD FOR EXPOSING A PERIPHERAL AREA OF WAFER
AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING THE SAME

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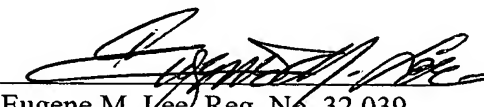
In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 11-19, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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